

**OPINION  
65-312**

June 14, 1965 (OPINION)

Mr. Russell Reid

Superintendent

State Historical Society

RE: State Historical Society - Exchange of Lands

This is in reply to your letter of June 8, 1965, in regard to the provision of House Bill No. 541 of the past 1965 session of the Legislative Assembly, with regard to exchange of lands by the State Historical Society. This provision (section 7 of the bill as introduced, section 8 of the bill as amended) provides:

SECTION 8.) Section 55-01-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is hereby created and enacted to read as follows:

55-01-10. EXCHANGE OF LANDS WITH OTHER DIVISIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT. The state historical board may transfer and convey certain lands held by the board to another agency of the state in exchange for lands held by such other agency, and such other agency may make the necessary conveyance to transfer and convey lands held by it to the state historical board to effect such exchange. Such transfers may be made at any time the board and another agency deem such exchange to be mutually advantageous."

You state that you need the opinion of this office as to whether or not this section will allow the State Historical Board to exchange lands with the State Land Department, and vice versa.

Our opinion is in the affirmative.

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